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WELCOME TO THE BOOKISH PLAZA eZINE

With June we're entering the **Keti Koti Month**, commemorating the history of slavery in the Dutch Caribbean. Check out our books on enslavement at Bookish Plaza. We have a great announcement, namely that author Quito Nicolaas has been included in the *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography*. Check out the **(literary) events** to look forward to this month. **Father's Day** is just around the

bend. Don't forget that Bookish Plaza make great gift giving ideas with books. The whole process of the making of the **comic book Quaco** in the picture at the Comic Book Event in Haarlem. A special on **P.C. Hooft Award winner** this year, Astrid H. Roemer. **New Arrivals** with the debut novel by Shantie Singh. **New Books** is among others the new comprehensive work on indentured Indian labour in Surinam by Chan Choenni. Good reads. Share our ezine in your network, if you LIKE!

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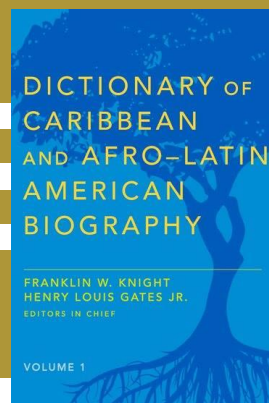
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LITERARY NEWS

Aruban Author Included in the Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography



Biography and bibliography of the author Quito Nicolaas will be published in the Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography on 21st of July 2016 by the Oxford University.

The Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography is a major biographical reference work covering the lives and legacies of notable Afro-descendants from the Caribbean and Latin American, men and women from all eras and walks of life. This groundbreaking resource provides unprecedented coverage of the region through the lives of its people. The book can be purchased @ **Oxford University Press**.

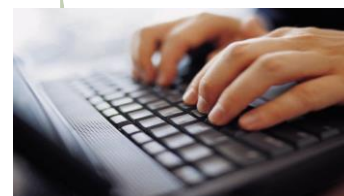
EVENTS calendar

BOOKISH PLAZA with Caribbean books @ UPCOMING EVENTS

5 JUNE 2015
BOOKISH HIGH TEA (on invitation)
 Almere

25 JUNE 2015
BONDRO FESTIVAL
 Lelystad

2 JULY 2016
DIA DI HIMNO I BANDERA DI KORSOU
 Tilburg



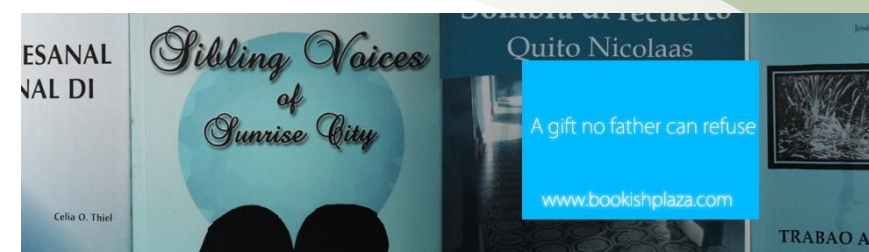
OTHER EVENTS

1 JUNE 2016
BOOK LAUNCH of *Go Ahead You're Home*
 Biblioteka Nashonal Korsou Frank Martinus Arion, Curaçao

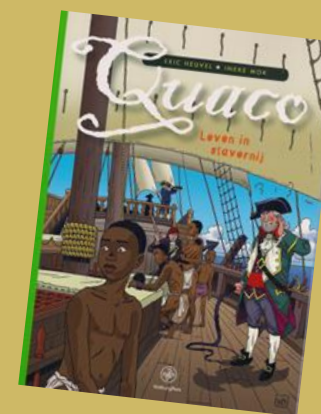
10 JUNE 2016
RUDOLF VAN LIER LECTURE
 Leo Balai on the processing of the history of slavery
 Leiden

17 JUNE 2016
MUSICA VIVA - Gustavo Corrales Romero & Jorge Andrés Martina
 Het Veur Theater
 Leidschendam-Voorburg

Bookish Plaza 'a good read @ a great price'



Quaco at the Comic Book Event in Haarlem



The comic book *Quaco, Leven in slavernij* joins in with the Haarlem striptiendaagse. The story tells about a young boy who was kidnapped and sold into slavery. At 37PK, close to the Frans Hals Museum, you will see how the comic book on Quaco (with text by Ineke Mok, Walburg Pers 2015) came into being. You see in addition to the original ink drawings by Eric Hill, how the historical sources were processed in the comic book. You can also see what is needed before one page is ready to send to the printer.



The expo 'Eric Heuvel draws Quaco; the comic book on enslavement' is to be seen from 3 June to 19 June, Thursday till Sunday from 12.00-05.00 pm. Location: 37PK, Groot Heiligland 37 Haarlem. The opening is Friday 3 June around 8 pm, in 37PK.

Quaco, leven in slavernij € 8.95



Astrid H. Roemer Wins Prestigious Dutch P.C. Hooft Award



Astrid H. Roemer received on Thursday 19th of May the 2016 P.C. Hooft Award. The award, which this year is intended for prose, was traditionally awarded to her at the Literary Museum in The Hague. The prestigious prize has a sum attached to it of € 60,000.

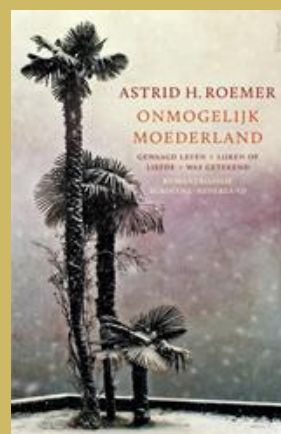
'Today the most important Dutch writer of the post-colonial era is being honored. And today for the first time a black woman receives the P.C. Hooft Award. These are two facts of great importance to our literature and for The Netherlands.' said Elsbeth Etty in her laudatio.

According to the jury of the P.C. Hooft Award Roemer is unique in the Dutch literature, a writer whose body of work reflects her own voice completely.

'She recounts experiences of getting uprooted, and does so in a prose that is disconnected from literary conventions. She dares to take risks, in the construction of novels, in her language, and in the subjects she writes on.' - according to the jury.

'Writers who take a lot of risks, who are original and who show a high literary commitment in their work, are vital for the

arts. They deserve all attention when they write books that are against the tribulation of commercialism and popularization in the media. Astrid H. Roemer belongs to that category. With this nomination for the 2016 P.C. Hooft Award the jury wants to show her appreciation for the voice of a Surinamese-Dutch writer who with her work breaks open the limits of Dutch literature in an intriguing and challenging way', said the jury. The jury consisted of Karin Amatmoekrim, Sander Bax (Chairman), Talgo Jaeger, Edzard Mik and Pauline Slot.



Novel € 24,95

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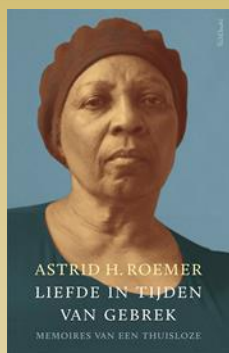
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NEW ARRIVALS!



Vervoering
Shantie Singh

In 1912 the 18-year-old Mussa travels by ship from India to Surinam. He is recruited as an indentured labour force on a sugar plantation. The bosses fail to break this equally stubborn as charismatic young man. Dreams, stories, sense of justice and love keep Randew standing. He becomes a man with respect in the Hindu community, the progenitor of generations of special people which in all circumstances have their dreams and stories to hold on to.

Novel € 19,95



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Waarom elf Antillianen knielden voor het hart van Chopin
Jan Brokken

Jan Brokken describes in this book the roots of the Antillean music and the European influence can be heard in it. The story reads like a journey of discovery: it takes the reader to a colorful and completely unknown world. He relates on the outstanding composers of the Dutch Caribbean past and the more contemporary ones.

Non-fiction € 24,95



Onverwerkt verleden
Stichting Julius Leefft!

The book looks back at ten unique performances that have made impression throughout the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The first part shows the stories behind the theater pieces, interviews with actors, quotes from reviews and especially lots of colorful images. The second part contains the text of the ten theatre plays as they are staged in The Netherlands and beyond. The foundation aims to stimulate dialogue on special and poignant events from our common past.

Non-fiction € 19,50

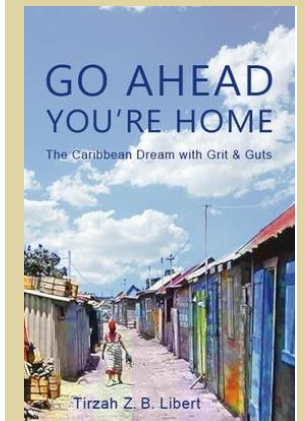
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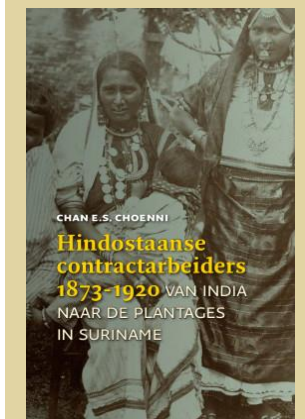
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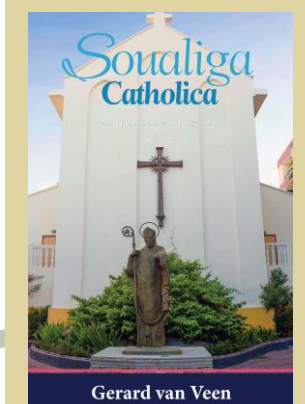
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